GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:28
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2005
FUNDING OF SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS
Singh Shri Sitaram

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any inquiry into the source of funding of Separatist Movements in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether instances have come to notice wherein funds meant for development of the North Eastern Region had reached the hands of such Separatists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to check such diversion of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 28 FOR REPLY ON 26.07.2005 REGARDING 'FUNDING OF SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS'

(a) & (b): As per available reports, the main sources of funding of Indian Insurgent Groups (IIGs) in North Eastern region are extortion, abduction for ransom and by awarding of contracts to the contractors sponsored by these groups.

(c) & (d): There are reports that a part of the development funds are siphoned by Indian Insurgent Groups in certain areas in the North East. North Eastern States have been advised to take penal action in such cases and see that the funds are used for the purpose for which they are given.